Cedar River Anadromous Fish Committee

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 2001

Meeting Time 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Location

Metering Building, Second Floor Conference Room

SPU Operations Control Center

2700 Airport Way South

Seattle, WA 98104

Members Present: Bruce Bachen (SPU), Tom Sibley (NMFS), Steve Foley (WDFW), Dennis Moore (Muckleshoot Tribe), Dave Paden (Puget Sound Anglers), Bill Robinson (Trout Unlimited), Sam Wright (WA Trout), and Tim Romanski (USFWS)

Other Participants: Brodie Antipa (WDFW), Kurt Fresh (WDFW), John McGlenn (TetraTech/KCM, Bill Wells (SPU), and Paul Faulds (SPU)

I. Call to order

Bruce called the meeting to order at 9:13AM.

II. Approval of agenda

Members unanimously approved the agenda.

III. Minutes review and approval for June 21, 2001 meeting

Members unanimously approved the minutes from our last meeting.

IV. Interim mitigation for coho, chinook and steelhead

The Muckleshoot Tribe and WDFW submitted a joint proposal to fund the collection of additional information concerning chinook escapement and supplementation options. The AFC unanimously recommended partial funding of the proposal that would provide \$22,500 to gather additional information on chinook spawners in the Cedar River. Detailed descriptions of objectives, methods and deliverables will be developed as part of the project agreement between Seattle and WDFW, assuming that the Parties authorize

funding. Other elements of the proposal will receive consideration once additional detail on the objectives, methods and deliverables are received by the AFC.

Bruce asked the AFC for a vote on the August 23, 2001 proposal and the parties unanimously recommended that the Parties approve funding Item One of the comanager proposal for \$22,500.00.

V. Fish passage update

Bill Wells provided a status report on the fish passage project. The 60% design drawings are being reviewed. Plans and permit forms have been submitted to King County DDES and a formal pre-application meeting is scheduled for September 6. Placement of LWD has been incorporated into the plans and is undergoing review. Additional discussions are probably needed to reach agreement with permitting agencies on this aspect of the project. AFC members were supportive of the plans as drawn.

VI. Cedar River sockeye hatchery program

The AFC heard an update on the sockeye hatchery design and hatchery program development from John McGlenn, TetraTech/KCM. A conceptual framework for the adaptive management plan has been proposed along with a list of primary uncertainties regarding the operation of the sockeye hatchery that the adaptive management plan would address. Once final, the list of uncertainties will be used to guide the development of hypotheses and monitoring activities.

Review and approve fry trapping agreement

The AFC received and considered several proposals for sockeye monitoring, including fry trapping, adult otolith sampling and evaluation of short-term rearing. The AFC concurred with all proposals. Further budget analysis of the short term rearing proposal is needed to determine whether available funding is adequate.

VII. Public comment (scheduled for 11:30)

No comments were made.

- VIII. Information/discussion
- IX. Plan next agenda for meeting scheduled for September 20, 2001
- X. Adjourn